

While clutching the little green scratch-off card in your hand, you reach down and retrieve a coin from your pocket. As your hand steadily quivers, you scratch off the three silver boxes. The first two are failures, but your eyes light up at the sight of the final square. You have just won a free trip to anywhere you'd like to go. However, the question is, where are you going to pick? Hawaii would be wonderful, Jamaica would be great, but the place I'd most love to visit would have to be Space. First of all, its space-few have ever been there, the feeling of adventure is so breathtaking, but most of all, just looking up and seeing nothing but black would be an experience I'd never forget.

Imagine sailing the seas to discover uncharted islands. Wouldn't that be fun? That's what would be so great about space. Not many have ever climbed into a shuttle, blasted up and away from the Earth, or weightlessly bounced along the surface of the moon. Being the first is always great, but being one of the few to ever float in space would be unbelievable.

Exploring cold, dark caves would really get that adrenaline pumping and your sense of adventure soaring, but if the dark caves of Earth are so exciting, just think how exhilarating the endless regions of space would be! Even the space training would be exciting. Waking up the day of the mission knowing the day would be filled with adventure and excitement would probably just take my breath away. If thinking about it makes me breathless, walking over to the launch pad and looking up at the enormous space shuttle would

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completely overtake me. Most of the time, I probably wouldn't even be able to speak.

I'll never forget the day my dog died, the day my parents divorced, or the day they strapped me down into the shuttle to be blasted off into space. Once up there, looking up and out into the oblivion of stars, planets, and the nothingness of the black would be an experience I'd never forget. I'd have to take deep breaths, or otherwise I'd faint. At the end of the day, they'd have to drag me back to the shuttle. I'd never want to leave.

Vacations are really a lot of fun. Picking where you'd like to go is even better. Going up in space, however, would be unimaginable. Just knowing few have ever been there, the sense of adventure, and the memory I'd have would be wonderful. I'd love to go to space. I'd never forget it. Ever.

Score Point: 6

This response reflects an outstanding degree of proficiency in expository writing skills. The writer's reasons for choosing space as a place to visit are specific, well developed, and thought provoking (knowing few have ever been there, the sense of adventure, and the experience of being in space). A great degree of syntactic variety and facility in the use of language is exhibited throughout the writing. The response is well organized, and the introduction and conclusion are original and effective.



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